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RE: UTILITY APPLICATION TITLED:

SPECTROSCOPIC ELLIPSOMETER AND POLARIMETER SYSTEMS

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and is a CIP of 08/618,820 filed 03/20/1996 (Patent 5,706,212).

This Application also Claims Benefit of Provisional Applications:

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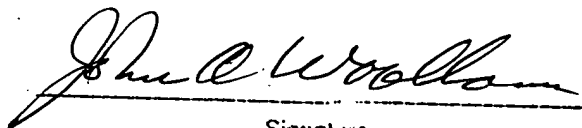
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